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DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment generally steady with some sellers reluctant to offer product at current market levels. Demand light with continued interest noted for November holiday needs. Offerings light to fully adequate. White meat demand light to good with wing meat with skin slowest. Bulk parts and thigh meat demand light. Rib breast demand light to good mostly fair to good on Grade A 4-8 lb. sizes with some spot availability of packer label Grade A's noted.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand fair to good for Asia on wings and drums, Mexico and Russia light on dark meat items. Offerings short of buyers' needs on tom 2-joint wings, tom full-wings light to adequate, tom drums generally adequate, frozen thigh meat adequate to burdensome. Frozen 15-20% skin added mechanically separated turkey ranged from tight with some processors unwilling to produce it at current market levels to fully adequate resulting in a wide offering price range.

Effective January 8, 1999, weekly regional weighted average prices for whole young turkeys are available as a separate report released every Friday after 2 PM Central Time. Monthly regional weighted average prices will be on the same report on the Friday following the end of every month.

SAN FRANCISCO TURKEYS (CENTS PER LB) DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	90-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	81-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	81-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	82-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	90-115

LOS ANGELES PROCESSED TURKEYS (CENTS PER LB) DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	70-88
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 28# & UP	88-95
	153-154
COOKED ROLLS 60/40% 9# & UP	
<u>DELIVERED TO RETAILERS</u>	
	79-82
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	77
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	
	65-70
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	70-75

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS											
EASTERN REGION 3/	55-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	55-59	56.5	56.50	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	55-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS											
EASTERN REGION 3/	55-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	55-59	56.5	56.50	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	55-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

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YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 01 FEBRUARY 1999.

Trade sentiment on frozen thigh meat steady to weak with lower trending offering prices continued to be noted, tom drums steady, tom full-cut wings at least steady, tom 2-joint wings steady to fully steady. Demand light to instances fair on 15-20% skin added mechanically separated turkey with some export inquiry noted. Destrapped tenderloin offerings limited with spot loads of fresh noted at 137-140 cents delivered. Export trading light on open priced frozen thigh meat and tom necks 22 cents delivered port.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	95.98	3,089
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	127.84	1,280
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	87.00	240
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	16.00		16.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	17.00		17.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	18.00		18.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	22.25	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	25.00	26
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	37.00	8
NECKS, TOM	20.00		20.00	40
NECKS, HEN		R	18.00	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	165.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	164.00		164.00	40
THIGH MEAT		F	54.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH				
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	113.50	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	100.33	120
TENDERLOINS		W	116.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	136.50	160
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	56.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	14.75-15.00		14.78	1,200

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	18.00	18.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	26.00	26.00	208
TAILS	21.00	21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.00	15.00	52
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	47.00	47.00	40

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted. 3/ Without tenderloins. 4/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

*CORRECTION FROM FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 1999, DESTRAPPED TENDERS SHOULD HAVE READ:

PRICE RANGE 136.00-137.00, WTD AVG PRICE 136.50, VOLUME 160, WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE 136.20